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1. U.S. Elections: 2012 Primary Schedule

The dates for Republican primaries and caucuses are set for the 2012 presidential race.

2. USTR Kirk: Trade Is Vital to Global Economy

The commitment of the United States to the World Trade Organization and the international trading system is not new, fleeting or superficial, but is long-standing, because a rules-based trading system is vital to global economic well-being, the U.S. trade representative says.

3. Václav Havel Exposed Emptiness of Repressive Ideology

President Obama honors Czech writer-turned-political leader Václav Havel as a man whose peaceful resistance to Communist rule “shook the foundations of an empire, exposed the emptiness of a repressive ideology, and proved that moral leadership is more powerful than any weapon.”

4. Nongovernmental Sector Helps Write U.S. Plan on Women and Peace

The Obama administration unveiled a new plan on women, peace and security December 19, a plan with a long history and many co-authors. The plan aims to give women, as half the population, the voice they deserve in resolving conflict and bringing peace and stability to their communities.

5. Students Pledge to Black Out Bullying

Students at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, Virginia, promise to Black Out Bullying. They devoted an entire week to raising awareness of the harmful practice.

6. New Year’s Day: A Time for Fresh Beginnings

Customs old and new join Americans in celebrating each New Year.

In Case You Missed It:

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Passing of Kiro Gligorov

Secretary Clinton (January 2, 2012): "I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Kiro Gligorov, the first president of the independent Republic of Macedonia. He was a patriot and true statesman." ...



Marines Bring Joy to SOS Village Kids

Gunnery Sergeant Colin Davis, members of the Embassy's Marine Detachment and Chargé Brian Aggeler visited Skopje's SOS Children's Village to distribute toys donated by Embassy staff. This annual Toys for Tots program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps worldwide is ...

Also: [photos](#)



DAS Reeker's Interview with Al Jazeera

In an interview with Al Jazeera Balkans, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe and Eurasia Philip T. Reeker discusses issues and challenges the countries of the Western Balkan region are facing in their individual Euro-Atlantic integration processes, as well as U.S. engagement in the region.



Ambassador's Video Holiday Message

Ambassador Wohlers: "For all of us, regardless of our religion or traditions, the New Year holiday is an important time of reflection. It gives each one of us a chance to look back on the last twelve months and consider the things we have achieved, as well as those things we failed to do, ...

Also: [story](#)



Chargé Aggeler Delivers Holiday Donations

Chargé d'Affaires Brian Aggeler, PAO Angela Aggeler, and APAO Brian Bauer joined with Red Cross volunteers to deliver holiday food and necessities donated at an Embassy event to the elderly.



U.S. Donation to Pediatric Surgery Clinic

On Dec. 21, U.S. Ambassador Paul Wohlers joined the Minister of Health Nikola Todorov and hospital staff in promoting the renovation of the Pediatric Surgery Clinic through a donation of \$125,000 from the U.S. Department of Defense. This latest project ... [Video. »](#)



Ambassador's Interview with Kapital Magazine

In his first interview since his arrival in Macedonia, Ambassador Wohlers discusses with Kapital Macedonia's Euro-Atlantic integration, the challenges that the Macedonian economy faces today, as well as the overall U.S. assistance to Macedonia. [Link to KAPITAL website: Macedonian \(pdf 681kb\) »](#)



Ambassador Meets with DPM Arifi (pdf 165kb)

On Dec 23rd, Ambassador Wohlers met with Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration Teuta Arifi, who recently returned from her visit to Washington DC as a participant in the Conference on Women in Public Service. ... [Story. »](#)



[Ambassador meets with Minister Ademi \(pdf 125kb\)](#)

On Dec 19th, Ambassador Wohlers met with Minister of Environment and Physical Planning Abdiliqim Ademi to discuss environmental protection in Macedonia and the region. They addressed the need to grow the economy and protect the...



[Wetlands Tourism – A Great Experience](#)

Showcase the beauty of wetlands along with your talent! **Submit your best photos** to a World Wetlands Day photo celebration under this year's theme "Wetlands Tourism: A Great Experience," sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with the Ramsar Convention Secretariat. [Open PDF](#) (1,78MB) or [Flickr website](#) for more information.

- **[Annual ECA Alumni Project Competition FY2012 - Call For Proposals](#)**

The State Departments' Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' (ECA) Office of Alumni Affairs (ECA/P/A) invites Alumni to submit proposals for the FY2012 ECA Alumni Project Competition. [Deadline January 20, 2012]

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